



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological condition that results from falling levels of dopamine, a neurotransmitter which sends messages to the part of the brain that controls movement and coordination; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease affects about ten million people worldwide—one million in the United States and thousands in the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Parkinson's disease is the second most common neurodegenerative disease and the 14th leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a lifelong condition without a cure, but medications and therapy can help to relieve symptoms; and

WHEREAS, treatment is more effective with early diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of Parkinson's disease include tremors, slowness of movement, rigidity, gait and balance difficulty, speech and swallowing disturbances, cognitive impairment and dementia, mood disorders and a variety of other non-motor symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the national and local Parkinson's community has established principles of health care which include patient-centered care, access to providers and health care services, comprehensive insurance coverage, nondiscrimination, and appropriate long-term care services and supports;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

“PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in supporting increased research, education and services needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality health care for those living with Parkinson's disease today.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this second day of March 2020.



JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i